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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION : OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :

Administrative Action

LILLIAN KWAMBOKA MACHUKI, LPN License # 26NP07269700

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
OF LICENSE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Lillian Kwamboka Machuki, LPN ("Respondent"), who was initially licensed as a Licensed Practical Nurse on June 26, 2015, was arrested on August 22, 2015 and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(a)(2) (Endangering Welfare of a Child). Allegedly,

Respondent was intoxicated and laying/sleeping on the sofa in her home with the side entrance and apartment door wide open when her two year old toddler left the apartment and was found walking in the street after almost being hit by a car.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in, or if the criminal allegations are sustained, convicted of, acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing according to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Additionally, the allegations, if proven, demonstrate that Respondent is presently engaged in drug or alcohol use that is likely to impair her ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(1). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f), the Board may order any person, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to submit to evaluation, testing, and monitoring which may be required to evaluate whether continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e), the Board may order any person, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to secure professional treatment as may be necessary to properly discharge the functions of a licensee.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter

into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS DAY OF DAY OF 2015, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her nursing license, both wallet and wall versions.
- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.
- 3. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent can demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice, has undergone a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation through the Recovery And Monitoring Program (RAMP),

and can present a writing from RAMP supporting her return to practice and specifying the conditions, if any, under which such return to practice should take place. Respondent may contact RAMP at (609)-883-5335.

- 4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.
- 5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.
- 6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. The Board reserves the right to impose discipline or limitations/restrictions at the time of Respondent's petition for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Lilliah Kwamboka Machuki, LPN

License # 26NP07269700

Consent as to form and entry.

Angus Ejiofor, Esq.

Attorney for Lillian Kwamboka Machuki, RN